

CLUB PLANS GUEST NIGHT

Torrance Woman's club will meet for a pot-luck luncheon and business meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the clubhouse. Plans will be made for the Chuck Wagon dinner on Feb. 2 at which time the club will observe guest night. Mrs. Victor Bernard is chairman for the dinner.

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TAKING OVER THE REINS . . . of activities of the Y-Wives Club are, from left, Mrs. Robert Drendel, treasurer; Mrs. Warren Randall and Mrs. F. E. Inman, co-presidents; Mrs. Robert Slothower, vice-president; and Mrs. William M. West, secretary and publicity chairman. New officers were installed at a brunch Friday morning at the YWCA.

Y-Wives Install Officers At Friday Morning Brunch

New Y-Wives officers for 1955 were installed at an impressive ceremony Friday morning at the YWCA building on Carson St. Installing officer was Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, president of the harbor district YWCA.

A delicious brunch was served at tables gaily decorated with arrangements of red poinsettias.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Warren Randall and Mrs. F. E. Inman, co-presidents; Mrs. Robert S. Slothower, vice president; Mrs. William M. West, secretary and publicity chairman; and Mrs. Robert Drendel, treasurer.

Completing the program was an interesting presentation of

Mothers' Club Plans Dinner

Jobs Daughters mothers' club held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward Thayne, 1029 W. 223rd St., with the new president, Mrs. Ralph Allen presiding.

During the business meeting the group planned to prepare the dinner for the annual meeting of the Torrance Rod and Gun club at the Civic Auditorium, Jan. 29. The girls of Bethel 60 will serve the dinner to an estimated crowd of 300. During the social hour, the hostess served refreshments.

The next meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Van Wagner, 1747 Greenwood Ave., with Mrs. Paul Smith as co-hostess.

Omicron Pi Chapter is Organized

Newly formed chapter of Beta Sigma sorority will be known as Omicron Pi. New officers heading the group are Mrs. Harold Roberts, president; Mrs. William Smisher, vice-president; Mrs. Irwin Cole, secretary and Mrs. Frank Dooney, treasurer. Other charter members of the Greek letter organization are Mmes. Don Heaney, Gordon Olson, William Lewis, Ed Goulet, and Jack Hadley.

Beta Sigma Phi was founded in 1939 to give young women workable methods of acquiring and exchanging new ideas and ideals by uniting in fellowship those who have a desire to develop their cultural natures by definite courses of study. Friendship and better understanding are aims of the sorority.

The last meeting of the group was held at the home of Mrs. Irvin Cole, 820 Hickory Ave. A cultural program on poise and charm was given by Mrs. William Lewis and Mrs. Jack Hadley. After the program, refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held this evening at the home of Mrs. William Swisher, 914 Maple Ave. Mrs. Hilda Baker, president of the Long Beach City Council of Beta Sigma Phi will be the guest speaker.

HOUSEGUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Flagg, of 1820 Hickory Ave., will have as their house guest this week, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Heitzman and son David from Granger, Wash. Mr. Heitzman, brother of Mrs. Flagg, and family are coming here from Oklahoma and Texas, and are expected to arrive about Wednesday of this week.

Their son David, who is formerly of Torrance, recently arrived home from Korea where he served about 15 months.

Compliment Mrs. McBreen

Mrs. Kenneth McBreen was complimented at a pretty baby shower Thursday evening given by Mrs. Douglas Baldwin and Mrs. John Kemp at the Baldwin home, 2379 Sonoma Ave.

A number of appropriate games were played. The pink and blue colors were used in decorating. Refreshments consisted of a pink and blue ice cream cake, tea and coffee. Attending the party were: Mmes. Earl Prentiss, William Christian, Rodney Norris, Paul Winn, George Stevens, C. Albert Smith, Richard Beecher, Jack Day, Lester King, R. R. Dexter, Lloyd Jones, Kenneth Dudley, John Patrick, Frank Williams, and Burt Easley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leech Note 25th Anniversary with Trip

It's a second honeymoon for Mr. and Mrs. George Leech, 727 Border Ave., who left Torrance Thursday morning for a motor trip through northern California. The trip was planned in celebration of the couple's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leech were the first couple married in the Fontana Community Church. The day was Jan. 15, 1930.

They then came to Torrance to make their home where Mr. Leech was employed with the Columbia Steel Co. He is still working for the same company and recently rounded out 27 years of continuous service except for a six months leave of absence when he and his family went to Venezuela, South America, where he was employed

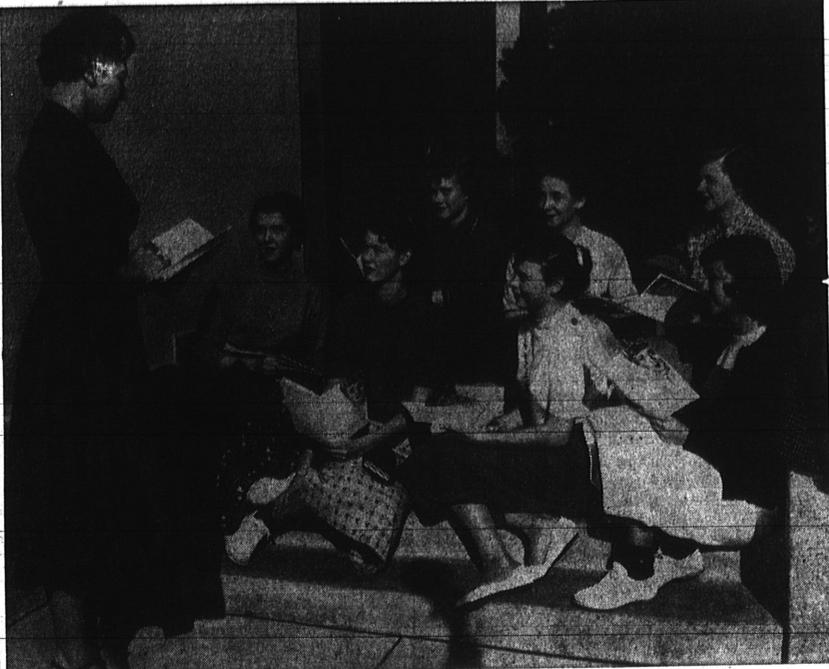
with a construction firm. Mr. Leech is a descendant of one of Torrance's first families. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Leech. His father was first manager of the Torrance Bank of America.

The local couple have two children, Jim and Joan, who were both graduated from the Torrance High school. Jim is now serving with the United States navy assigned to the USS Rochester in Long Beach Harbor. He will leave Feb. 8 for overseas duty. Joan is now employed with the Western Electric Co. in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Leech, who will be away for about ten days, plan to visit with old friends in San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento.



OFF ON A HONEYMOON . . . are Mr. and Mrs. George Leech, of 727 Border Ave. They are pictured getting into their car for a northern California motor trip in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Leech, married on Jan. 15, 1930, were the first couple wed in the Fontana Community Church. They have made their home here since their wedding day.



A FINAL BRUSH-UP . . . for their tests in homemaker for participation in the national Betty Crocker search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow, this group of local girls gathered on the steps of their high school to discuss the

examination with their teacher, Miss Betty McKown. The girls are, (from left, front row) Janet Seese, Carol Christensen, Connie Stout. Back row, Marilyn Specht, Joan Laskaris, Sally Speck and Grace Maddy.

AT SNOW CAMP

Members of the Harbor Association of BYS of the Western Avenue Baptist Church will enjoy the activities of snow camp at Thousand Pines the week-end of Jan. 21.

Mrs. Myrtle Westfall, youth director of the church, will accompany the 35 young people who will join with 180 other fellowship groups from the Harbor district.

Torrance High School Senior Girls Vie for National Title of 'Homemaker of Tomorrow'

Torrance High school senior home economic girls entered the national competition contest sponsored by Betty Crocker in a search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The girls took the written examinations at the local school Wednesday under the guidance of their teacher, Miss Betty McKown.

Torrance girls taking the

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Royal Neighbors will hold their installation of new officers tomorrow evening, Jan. 18, at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hermance and daughter, Janice, of Ontario spent last Monday here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, 3480 Del Amo.

Chaplain is Soroptimist Club Speaker

Rev. John Penner, chaplain at the Harbor General Hospital, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Soroptimist Club Tuesday noon at the Western Ave. Cafe. Rev. Penner, who has been here since 1932, spoke on his work at the hospital. He also told the club members that their \$25 donations at Christmas had been added to other gift money and would be used to redecorate the recreation hall at the hospital.

Mrs. Addie Parks, newly-elected second vice-president, conducted the meeting.

Members present were Mary Limberger, Lavella McMullen, Margaret Neff, Helen Rodgers, Lela Bowen, Charlotte Lukes, Pearl Groot, Margaret Harris, Winona Ellis, Mabel Soules, Clara Conner, and Edith Walter.

Also Sara Ward, who has completed two years of home-making and Carol Christenson, member of the GAA, and completing three years of home-making, participated in the contest.

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ATTEND DINNER

Mrs. W. I. Laughon, of 1538 El Prado, was the guest of the John McCall of Torrance at the installation dinner at the Lawyers Club of Los Angeles last Wednesday evening at Ciro's on Sunset Strip.

Lorita Valley Continues Assistance League Series

Mrs. Lorita Beker Valley will give her third lecture at the Assistance League of San Pedro tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. with Mrs. William Meriweather and Mrs. Del Dryer as chairmen of the coffee hour following the lecture.

Mrs. Valley has just returned from an extensive trip to Boston, New York City, and Washington, D. C. in January, and during the months to fol-

Denise Hunter Party Honoree

Denise Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, of 1604 Date Ave., was complimented at a pretty birthday party at her parents' home on Saturday, Jan. 8, her twelfth birthday.

A number of fascinating games was played, after which refreshments were served, in which the birthday theme was carried out. The beautiful birthday cake was ornamented with roses tied with yellow ribbons. The guests were presented with party favors. Mrs. Hunter was assisted by Mrs. J. R. Ricci and Mrs. R. S. Peckham in entertaining and serving the youngsters.

Denise's party guests were Linda and Ronnie Williams; Bob, Sharon and Johnnie Ricci; Daley and Candy Vaughan; Shane Goode, Virginia Cato, Charlene Adams, Judy Hagen, Carol Johnson, Sheila Thornberry, Carolyn Nelson, Diana Cook, Johnny Jerriss, and Diane and Randy Hunter.



NEW MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED . . . by the past presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary at the annual membership dinner held Tuesday evening at the American Legion Hall. Conducting the initiation (from left) are Mrs. Gertrude Boyle, historian; Mrs. Ethel Sears, marshal; Mrs.

Velora Murphy, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Fan Wilkes, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Babcock, junior past president; Alice Thompson and Mrs. Alma Smith, vice-presidents; Mrs. Clara Conner, president and Mrs. Roxie Sleseth, past president. Pictured at the right are new initiates (from left) Miss

Barbara Northcott, Mmes. Velma Hethcot, Qwendolyn Barrett, Victoria Staker, membership chairman; Doris Anderson and Jessie Thompson. The local auxiliary now has a membership of 109.